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Dragoon doctors share medical expertise with Iraqi colleagues

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BAGHDAD, Iraq -- Last week, soldiers from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment medical team shared their knowledge and expertise with their Iraqi colleagues.

Lt. Col. Kelly Murray, the 2ACR Regimental Surgeon and Capt. Evelyn Rodriguez, the 2nd Squadron Medical Officer, guided a group of Iraqi instructors through the Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO) course.

The study covered methods of dealing with difficult or abnormal situations while delivering babies.

The Iraqi instructors were picked from a group of 40 individuals who attended an earlier ALSO class given by the regiment last October.

The students picked to teach ALSO were the best all around students in the first class. They were selected based upon test scores, hands-on training and articulation.

Murray and her group of doctors taught the initial ALSO course. The second course featured Iraqis teaching Iraqis with the soldiers acting as mentors and evaluators.

Blocks of instruction taught in ALSO include dealing with shoulder dystocia – an abnormally difficult childbirth -- and mal-presentation of the baby as it is being born.

Dr. Eman Mahammed was one of the students selected to teach a class during ALSO.

"We have a good relationship with the medical personnel in the coalition," she said. "Even though most of the problems we are dealing with in this class are not new, we are getting to see and learn new, more modern techniques for these problems."

Murray said would she like to see ALSO taught in all major cities throughout Iraq. She has requested a grant that would finance this operation.

She also has plans for teaching and facilitating the Neonatal Resuscitation Program



Lt. Col. Kelly Murray, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment regimental surgeon discusses modern baby delivery techniques with Dr. Eman Mahammed, an Iraqi physician selected to participate in the Advance Life Support in Obstetrics courses given last week by the regiment's medical team. Courtesy photo.

(NRP), as a logical follow-up to ALSO. Neonatal Resuscitation is immediate medical intervention techniques on newborns.

Other projects the regimental surgeon's office has been involved in include the creation of the Iraqi Family Physicians Society to promote primary care in Iraq and the Physicians Leadership course (PLC) to teach hospital administrative skills to physicians.

Much of the material used for the course was donated by the American Academy of Family Physicians which has been supporting ALSO instruction with physicians throughout Iraq.

The desired end result of ALSO and other related classes is to reduce the infant mortality rate by 50 percent throughout Iraq.

The Old Ironsides Report

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News...

Kay Says Iraq Likely Had No Banned Arms WASHINGTON (AP) - The former top U.S. weapons inspector in Iraq said Sunday he believes Saddam Hussein had no weapons of mass destruction before the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. David Kay said the challenge for the United States now is to figure out why intelligence indicated that the Iraqi president did have them. "We led this search to find the truth, not to find the weapons. The fact that we found so far the weapons do not exist, we've got to deal with that difference and understand why," Kay said Sunday on the National Public Radio program "Weekend Edition."

Second Mars Rover Sends Pictures to Earth

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - NASA's Opportunity rover zipped its first pictures of Mars to Earth early Sunday, delighting and puzzling scientists just hours after the spacecraft bounced to a landing on the opposite side of the red planet from its twin rover, Spirit. The pictures showed a surface smooth and dark red in some places, and strewn with fragmented slabs of light bedrock in others. Bounce marks apparently left by the rover's air bags when it landed were clearly visible.

Weapons, WTC Photos Found in NYC Blast

NEW YORK (AP) - Police sent to investigate a backyard explosion that injured an artist discovered weapons and ammunition along with material related to the World Trade Center and other sensitive locations, authorities said. The discovery brought members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force to the Brooklyn home of Christopher Hackett to investigate, FBI spokesman Joe Valiquette said Saturday. Police said they weren't sure of the significance of the material, which included photos of the World Trade Center and information on the Brooklyn Bridge and a city reservoir.

U.S. Lawmakers Make Landmark Libya Visit

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) - A U.S. congressional delegation flew to Libya on Sunday aboard a Navy plane, saying it was the first plane flying an American flag to land in Tripoli since Col. Moammar Gadhafi took power in 1969. The bipartisan delegation arrived as U.S. and British experts were preparing to start dismantling Libya's weapons of mass destruction programs with Gadhafi's blessing.

SAFETY TIP

Be Observant

Be observant of people watching you. If personnel appear to be counting the number of vehicles in your convoy, or seem overly interested in your convoy, stay alert!

These personnel may be a scout or recon asset for a potential ambush force farther down the road and may call/signal your approach to this ambush force.

In other news...

Oldest U.S. Bank Robber Gets 12 Years in Prison

LUBBOCK, Texas (Reuters) - The oldest bank robber in the United States, 92-year-old J.L. Hunter Rountree, was sentenced to over 12 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to robbing \$1,999 from a Texas bank last August.

Rountree, who goes by the nickname "Red," said he robbed his first bank when he was about 80 because he wanted revenge against banks for sending him into a financial crisis.

Rountree was sentenced on Friday to 151 months in a federal prison, which he will serve at the Federal Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

He appeared in court in a loose-fitting prison outfit and shackles on his ankles. He had a cane to help him walk. Rountree listened to the proceedings through headphones because he is hard of hearing.

Police said Rountree, who was not armed, handed two envelopes to a teller at a bank in Abilene, Texas. One envelope had the word "robbery" written in red ink. Rountree told the teller to stuff money into the other envelope, or else she would get hurt.

After asking Rountree twice if he was kidding, she put the money into the envelope and Rountree then made off in a 1996 Buick sedan, police said.

A bank employee noted the license plate of the vehicle and Rountree was pulled over by police on a highway about 20 miles from the crime scene, 30 minutes after the robbery.

Rountree left a prison in Florida, where he was the oldest prisoner in the state, about a year and a half ago after serving a three-year sentence imposed on him for a 1999 bank robbery in Pensacola.

He was caught holding up a bank in Biloxi, Mississippi, in 1998 when he was 87, and given three years' probation.

Federal officials said they had no records to prove it, but they are fairly certain Rountree was the oldest person ever to rob a bank in the United States.

In a prison interview with the Orlando Sentinel in 2001, Rountree said he had been a businessman in Texas but had fallen on hard times. He also told the paper that prison food was better than what was served at some nursing homes.

"A Corpus Christi (Texas) bank that I'd done business with had forced me into bankruptcy. I have never liked banks since," he told the newspaper. "I decided I would get even. And I have."

Chaplain's thought for the day... A Fellow Soldier

Uriah the Hittite was in the hottest part of the battle and his fellow soldiers withdrew from him on the command of King David - We do the same thing to our fellow soldiers when we withdraw our prayers from them.

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00:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PAC-10: OREGON @ ARIZONA	M*A*S*H: - COMRADES IN ARMS (PT. 1)	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: KENTUCKY @ NOTRE DAME	CNN SUNDAY	00:00
00:30		ANIZUM	THE MARY TYLER MOORE SHOW : - FATHER'S DAY	KENTOOKT & NOTILE DAWLE		00:30
01:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC (WOMEN'S): LSU @ GEORGIA		ALL IN THE FAMILY : - ARCHIE AND THE MIRACLE		MEET THE PRESS	01:00
01:30			THE TWILIGHT ZONE : - THE INVADERS			01:30
02:00		SPORTSCENTER	FANTASY ISLAND: - ANNIVERSARY/ REUNION	ESPNEWS	TIM RUSSERT	02:00
02:30				ESPNEWS		02:30
	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - SEC: LOUISVILLE @ TENNESSEE	HEADLINE NEWS	ROCKET POWER: - SUPER MCVARIAL 900	DORA: THE EXPLORER : - SUPER MAP	FOX REPORT	03:00
03:30		SEINFELD : - THE VISA	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS: - BOYS IN THE BAND/ THE HEX GAMES	WHEEL OF FORTUNE		03:30
04:00		THAT 70'S SHOW: - DINE AND DASH	THE SIMPSONS : - THE FRYING GAME	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	THIS WEEK	04:00
04:30		ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	THE COSBY SHOW : - INDEPENDENCE DAY			04:30
05:00	WINTER X GAMES - VIII DAY 2		BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - THE KILLER IN ME	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	DATELINE INTERNATIONAL	05:00
05:30		WWE SMACKDOWN!				05:30
06:00			LAW & ORDER : - BRONX CHEER	HEADLINE NEWS	60 MINUTES	06:00
06:30		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM		JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00	SPORTSCENTER	MEET THE PRESS	CRITICAL RESCUE : - SWEPTAWAY	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	CNN PRESENTS	07:00
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09:30				DIGIMON: DIGITAL MONSTERS (TV-7): - KABUTERIMON'S ELECTRO SHOCKER		09:30
10:00	NBA FASTBREAK	DORA: THE EXPLORER: - SUPER MAP		DRAGONFLY TV (YR. 1)	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	10:00
10:30	SPORTSCENTER	WHEEL OF FORTUNE		EVEN STEVENS : - AFTER HOURS		10:30
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12:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - INDEPENDENCE DAY	HEADLINE NEWS	CAVUTO ON BUSINESS	12:30
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12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
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16:00			MONSTER GARAGE : - DELIVERY TRUCK	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
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16:30	NHL - PHILADELPHIA FLYERS @ WASHINGTON			TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
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20:00		ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - THE FRYING GAME		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
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Today in history... Jan. 26, 1950

REPUBLIC OF INDIA BORN

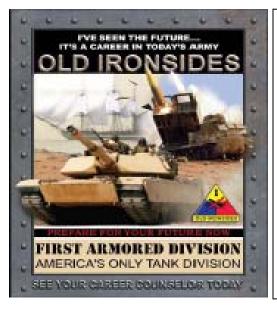
(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On January 26, 1950, the Indian constitution takes effect, making the Republic of India the most populous democracy in the world.

Mohandas Gandhi struggled through decades of passive resistance before Britain finally accepted Indian independence. Self-rule had been promised during World War II, but after the war triangular negotiations between Gandhi, the British, and the Muslim League stalled over whether to partition India along religious lines. Eventually, Lord Mountbatten, the viceroy of India, forced through a compromise plan. On August 15, 1947, the former Mogul Empire was divided into the independent nations of India and Pakistan. Gandhi called the agreement the "noblest act of the British nation," but religious strife between Hindus and Muslims soon marred his exhilaration. Hundreds of thousands died, including Gandhi, who was assassinated by a Hindu fanatic in January 1948 during a prayer vigil to an area of Muslim-Hindu violence.

Of Gandhi's death, Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru said, "The light has gone out of our lives, and there is darkness everywhere." However, Nehru, a leader of the Indian struggle for independence and Gandhi's protégé, persisted in his efforts to stabilize India, and by 1949 the religious violence began to subside. In late 1949, an Indian constitution was adopted, and on January 26, 1950, the Republic of India was born.

With universal adult franchise, Nehru hoped to overcome India's "caste-ridden" society and promote greater gender equality. Elections were to be held at least every five years, and India's government was modeled after the British parliamentary system. A president would hold the largely ceremonial post of head of state but would be given greater powers in times of emergency. The first president was Rajendra Prasad.

Nehru, who won his first of three subsequent elections in 1952, was faced with staggering challenges. A massively underdeveloped economy and overpopulation contributed to widespread poverty. Nehru also had to force the integration of the former princely states into the Indian union and suppress movements for greater autonomy in states like Punjab. In his years of struggle against Britain, he always advocated nonviolence but as prime minister sometimes had to stray from this policy. He sent troops into the Portuguese enclaves of Goa and Daman and fought with China over Kashmir and Nepal. He died in 1964 and was succeeded by Lal Bahadur Shastri. Later, Nehru's only child, Indira Gandhi, served four terms as a controversial prime minister of India.



Reenlistment Bonus Still Available

The Army keeps rewarding soldiers with cash for reenlisting while deployed. Task Force 1st Armored Division soldiers with less than 10 years of service can earn from \$5,000 to \$10,000 when they reenlist.

Soldiers must reenlist for 36 months. Other factors that will determine the bonus amount include years of service and current pay

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